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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR: MOSES O. IHONDE

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1. MOSES IHONDE, PRESS SECRETARY TO GENERAL GOWON, WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON JULY 6 FOR 4-5 DAY VISIT. CAN BE REACHED C/O NIGERIAN MISSION TO UN. IHONDE GIVEN COURTNEY SHELDON USUN AS CONTRACT. IHONDE

, WHO IS AMATEUR PLAYWRIGHT AND AT ONE TIME HEADED THEATRICAL COMPANY HERE, IS VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING CURRENT PLAYS IN NEW YORK. POST MOST APPRECIATIVE IF DEPARTMENT/USUN CAN ARRANGE FOR IHONDE TO ATTEND WIZ AND OTHER CURRENT PRODUCTIONS AND MEET THEATRICAL PERSONALITIES WHILE IN NEW YORK AND IN WASHINGTON.

2. IHONDE EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ABOUT JULY 10 FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. PLANS TO JOIN OJEHOMON FOR BRIEFINGS BY WHITE HOUSE, STATE AND DEFENSE SPOKESMAN TO STUDY TOP-LEVEL USG PRESS RELATIONS TECHNIQUES. IHONDE ALSO WANTS AN INTENSIVE BRIEFING ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT IN ORDER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HIS RETURN FOR POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF STATE HOUSE, ITS FMG EQUIVALENT. IHONDE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH NIGERIAN EMBASSY. HAS DAWSON, IAA AND BERG CU/AF AS CONTACTS.

3. FYI, IHONDE TOLD THE PAO THAT HE BELIEVES IT LIKELY THAT GENERAL GOWON WILL MAKE A STATE VISIT TO THE U.S. IN THE FIRST HALF

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OF 1976. DURING WHICH IHONDE WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM AS HIS SPOKESMAN

AT THAT TIME.

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